

## Article - Real Property

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§3–117.

(a) (1) The clerks of the circuit courts, in conjunction with the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall establish uniform statewide procedures for recording deeds and other instruments to comply with this part.

(2) The procedures shall, at a minimum, include provisions for:

(i) Shielding recorded instruments that contain a program participant's actual address or identity information; and

(ii) Providing notice to the public of the existence of a shielded instrument and instructions for requesting access to the shielded instrument in accordance with § 3–118 of this subtitle.

(3) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to prohibit a clerk of the circuit court from returning an original deed or any other instrument to the person who submitted the instrument for recordation.

(b) All State and local agencies, including the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and all county, bicounty, municipal, and special taxing district finance offices, shall establish uniform procedures for maintaining records, including tax, utility, and zoning records, in accordance with this part.

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